IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 16-45, add new claims 46-50, and amend the remaining claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A system adapted to enable contextual collaboration <u>of applications</u> within a computer network, comprising:

a collaboration manager adapted to support manipulation of collaboration spaces <u>via commands from said applications,</u> <u>wherein</u> said collaboration spaces ~~containing one or more~~ <u>comprise at least one</u> collaboration element~~s~~ ~~having potentially~~ <u>comprising</u> different collaboration modalities<u>, and wherein said collaboration spaces comprise pointers to said collaboration modalities and attributes associated with said collaboration modalities</u>;

<u>native user interfaces of said applications adapted to access said collaboration spaces, wherein said collaboration spaces are transparently accessible to all of said applications, and wherein said native user interfaces allow collaboration through said applications using said collaboration modalities;</u>

a context manager adapted to maintain resources and resource interrelationships within contexts <u>in a context store,</u> <u>wherein</u> said resources ~~including~~ <u>comprise</u> at least one of <u>said</u> collaboration elements, processes, tasks, business objects, users, and roles<u>, wherein said context store comprises structures of said interrelationships and provides linkage between said resources, and wherein said context store lacks knowledge of how and where said resources are physically stored</u>;

a view generator adapted to select a set of said resources to be displayed to a user of said computer network; and

a display adapted to display said set of said resources.

2. (Original) The system in claim 1, further comprising an interface adapted to allow applications to specify commands to manipulate collaboration spaces, commands to maintain resources and resource interrelationships within contexts, and queries for context-sensitive views.

3. (Original) The system in claim 2, wherein said commands to manipulate collaboration spaces include:

managing lifecycles of said collaboration spaces;

maintaining membership lists, user profiles, and role associations in said collaboration spaces;

adding and removing said collaboration elements; and

performing modality-specific operations on said collaboration elements.

4. (Original) The system in claim 2, wherein said commands to maintain resources and resource interrelationships include:

creating, deleting, opening, and closing of said contexts;

adding resources and associations between said resources in said contexts; and

removing said resources and said associations from said contexts.

5.   (Original) The system in claim 2, wherein said queries for context-sensitive views include:

retrieving resources related to a given context;

retrieving resources related to a given resource within a context; and

retrieving resources related to a given resource across contexts.

6.   (Original) The system in claim 1, wherein said collaboration manager is operatively coupled to a collaboration space directory adapted to store information on collaboration spaces.

7.   (Original) The system in claim 6, wherein said collaboration manager is further operatively coupled to a collection of adapters adapted to connect to external collaboration capabilities, said adapters each implementing a standardized and modality-specific interface.

8.   (Original) The system in claim 1, wherein said context manager is operatively coupled to a context model adapted to describe associated resources and resource interrelationships.

9.   (Original) The system in claim 1, wherein said view generator is operatively coupled to a set of view rules adapted to specify policies for view generation.

10.   (Currently Amended) A system adapted to provide collaboration between different applications used by multiple users in a computerized network, said system comprising:

at least one collaboration space supporting different modes of collaboration, wherein said users collaborate through said different applications using said different modes of collaboration maintained in said collaboration space, wherein said collaboration space comprises at least one pointer to said modes of collaboration and attributes associated with said modes of collaboration; and

a collaboration manager adapted to support manipulation of said collaboration space via commands from said applications;

native application program interfaces connecting said collaboration space to said applications, thereby making collaboration content available to all said applications, such that all said collaboration content is transparently accessible by said users natively from within each application;

a context store adapted to maintain resources and resource interrelationships within contexts, wherein said resources including at least one of collaboration elements, processes, tasks, business objects, users, and roles, wherein said context store comprises structures of said interrelationships and provides linkage between said resources, and wherein said context store lacks knowledge of how and where said resources are physically stored; and

a display adapted to display said collaboration space.

11.   (Original) The system in claim 10, further comprising a contextual view generator adapted to select a limited set of resources maintained within said collaboration space to be displayed to a user of said computerized network based on user needs.

12.   (Currently Amended) The system in claim 10, ~~further comprising a~~ wherein said collaboration manager is adapted to maintain said collaboration space.

13.   (Original) The system in claim 12, wherein said collaboration manager is further adapted to create, delete, archive, and search and query said collaboration spaces.

14.   (Original) The system in claim 12, wherein said collaboration manager is further adapted to interact with collaboration technology servers.

15.   (Original) The system in claim 10, wherein said application program interfaces are adapted to create instances of collaborative interaction within said collaboration space.

16-45. (Cancelled).

46.   (New) A system adapted to enable contextual collaboration of applications within a computer network, comprising:

a collaboration manager adapted to support manipulation of collaboration spaces via commands from said applications, wherein said collaboration spaces comprise at least one collaboration element comprising different collaboration modalities, and wherein said collaboration spaces comprise pointers to said collaboration modalities and attributes associated with said collaboration modalities;

native user interfaces of said applications adapted to access said collaboration spaces, wherein said collaboration spaces are transparently accessible to all of said applications, and wherein said native user interfaces allow collaboration through said applications using said collaboration modalities;

a context manager adapted to maintain resources and resource interrelationships within contexts in a context store, wherein said resources comprise at least one of said collaboration elements, processes, tasks, business objects, users, and roles, wherein said context store comprises structures of said interrelationships and provides linkage between said resources, and wherein said context store lacks knowledge of how and where said resources are physically stored;

a view generator adapted to select a set of said resources to be displayed to a user of said computer network;

an interface adapted to allow applications to specify commands to manipulate collaboration spaces, commands to maintain resources and resource interrelationships within contexts, and queries for context-sensitive views,

wherein said commands to manipulate collaboration spaces include:

managing lifecycles of said collaboration spaces;

maintaining membership lists, user profiles, and role associations in said

collaboration spaces;

adding and removing said collaboration elements; and

performing modality-specific operations on said collaboration elements,

wherein said commands to maintain resources and resource interrelationships

include:

creating, deleting, opening, and closing of said contexts;

adding resources and associations between said resources in said contexts;

and

removing said resources and said associations from said contexts, and

wherein said queries for context-sensitive views include:

retrieving resources related to a given context,

retrieving resources related to a given resource within a context, and

retrieving resources related to a given resource across contexts; and

a display adapted to display said set of said resources.

47.   (New) The system in claim 46, wherein said collaboration manager is operatively

coupled to a collaboration space directory adapted to store information on collaboration

spaces.

48.   (New) The system in claim 47, wherein said collaboration manager is further

operatively coupled to a collection of adapters adapted to connect to external

collaboration capabilities, said adapters each implementing a standardized and modality-specific interface.

49.   (New) The system in claim 46, wherein said context manager is operatively coupled to a context model adapted to describe associated resources and resource interrelationships.

50.   (New) The system in claim 46, wherein said view generator is operatively coupled to a set of view rules adapted to specify policies for view generation.